



James "Rusty" Russell Bankston

December 28, 1953 - January 25, 2023

James "Rusty" Russell Bankston, 69, of Cameron passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at his home in Cameron. He was born on December 28, 1953 to George Truitt and Dera Louis (Mathis) Bankston in Rockdale. He graduated from Milano High School. He's owned Nat's 49 years. He loved music, playing the guitar and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He was an easy going, one-of-a-kind man that will be missed deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Dera Bankston; and sisters, Nina Avrett, and Robbie Bankston.

Rusty is survived by his daughter, Meagan Young and husband Chris of Thorndale; son, Neil Bankston of Hutto; brother, George Bankston and wife Joyce of Milano; grandchildren, Rylee Bankston, Colby Bankston, and Scarlett Young; and special friend, Lynn Bankston of Thorndale.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2023 in Sand Grove Cemetery in Milano. Serving as pallbearers are Kelly Bankston, Dillon Bankston, Cody Avrett, Philip Young, Tyler Avrett, Weston Avrett, and Garrett Morton.

Cemetery Details

Sand Grove Cemetery

8636 County Road 322
Milano, TX 76556

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Milano, TX 76556

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Kelly Hare lit a candle in memory of James "Rusty" Bankston.



Kelly Hare - February 06, 2023 at 04:01 PM

DL

“ I always loved going to Nat's and spending time with Rusty and trying to beat him in some pool, but that never happened. He was a great friend for many years of me and my dad's growing up as well. RIP friend, you'll be missed by a lot of people.

Dillon little - January 30, 2023 at 12:53 AM

EA

“ Although we didn't know Rusty as well as we should have, my wife Vanessa and I have been in the presence of Rusty as we supported biker events in the Rockdale/Cameron communities. Always with a spirited hello as we arrived in Nats. We could tell that he was well respected and loved among his regulars. Our prayers for strength and understanding for the family and friends.

Ernesto Avalos - January 29, 2023 at 12:33 AM

SN

“ Meagan, Chris, Neil, and families, we are so sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. May he rest in peace. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Scotty and Myra

Scott Niemann - January 28, 2023 at 10:12 PM

KY

“ Raised together in our younger years; I've always considered you my brother. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. Rest in peace until we meet again.



Karen Yoakum - January 28, 2023 at 08:00 PM

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Tandy Ellender (Lightsey) - January 28, 2023 at 06:37 PM

CS

“ Friend, confidant, hug giver, laugh maker, dancing partner, pert near kinfolks (his words), and all around good guy. That was Rusty and he will be so very missed by all of us. Rest easy Rusty. See you when it is my turn. Love, Connie Sue (Seelke).



Connie Seelke - January 28, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JR

“ Love you Dad 💙



Jeremiah and Rhianna - January 28, 2023 at 01:40 PM

HB

Sorry for your loss, Jeremiah.

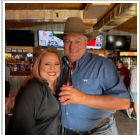
Helen Bishop - January 30, 2023 at 12:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Rusty" Russell Bankston.



January 28, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ You will be missed by many of us!! Thank you for being such an amazing sweetheart of a man!! Until we meet again keep that jukebox playing!! XOXO

Jan Burlin - January 28, 2023 at 10:41 AM

MZ

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered!



Melissa A Zawadzke - January 27, 2023 at 11:59 PM

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“ Sending Sincere Condolences to all of the family and friends. 🙏 RIP



Lori - January 27, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Rusty" Russell Bankston.



January 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM

GJ

“ Prayers of comfort to Meagan, Neil, Lynn, and all them grandkids. I would like to send my deepest condolences to the entire Bankston family. Rusty was more than a friend, a story teller and a bright light to all who knew him.

He always had a smile on his face and gave the best hugs. Always bragging on his kids and grandkids. I don't think I've ever seen Rusty in a bad mood. If you were, he always had something to bring a smile back on your face or bring out a laugh. I know I will miss Rusty as will all who knew him. Rusty never met a stranger and if you were he made sure he knew you before you left. May God always be with you all and comfort you through this sad time. I love you Rusty, rest high on that mountain in heaven. I know we will all meet again one day in heaven.

Sincerely,

Gina Ramsey Jatzlau



Gina Jatzlau - January 27, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Rusty" Russell Bankston.



January 27, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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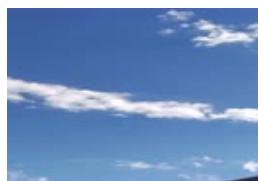
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Tandy Ellender (Lightsey) - January 27, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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“ My friend "Rusty Bankston" would give me a ride home from Nat's after a night of partying with the girls. He was so trustworthy and a great conversationalist for me, when my husband was working overseas. His respect will always be treasurly cherished. He looked out for me, making sure I was safe always sharing a good time.
Love ❤️ Tandy



Tandy Ellender (Lightsey) - January 27, 2023 at 12:37 PM

BZ

“ Bethany Zawadzke lit a candle in memory of James "Rusty" Bankston.



Bethany Wallis Zawadzke - January 27, 2023 at 11:53 AM